

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0001] – [0005] with the following:

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[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/602,129, filed June 23, 2000 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,829,654 _____, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

[0002] The following co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications have been filed on the same date as the present application. These applications relate to and further describe other aspects of the embodiments disclosed in the present application and are herein incorporated by reference:

[0003] U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/858,309 _____, “EDGE ADAPTER APPARATUS AND METHOD”, (Attorney Ref. No. 10736/6), filed herewith;

[0004] U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/858,324 _____, “APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INTERFACING WITH A HIGH SPEED BI-DIRECTIONAL NETWORK”, (Attorney Ref. No. 10736/8), filed herewith.

[0005] U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/858,308 _____, “APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INTERCONNECTING A PROCESSOR TO CO-PROCESSORS USING SHARED MEMORY”, (Attorney Ref. No. 10736/9), filed herewith.